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### **Washington State Patrol Drug Control Assistance Unit Accomplishments for 2005**

The WSP Drug Control Assistance Unit (DCAU) was originally created as a centralized assistance unit in 1970 to aid with drug control efforts statewide. The principal mission of DCAU is to focus on upper level methamphetamine traffickers with a secondary directive towards domestic marijuana production. The unit initiated 27 cases of which 48% were methamphetamine related and 33% involved marijuana. The investigations resulted in the seizure of 6,568.5 grams of methamphetamine, 3,923.9 grams of Cocaine, 681 grams of Heroin, and 1,107 marijuana plants. DCAU frequently partners with local law enforcement and regional drug task forces to disrupt or dismantle a drug trafficking organization.

One unique aspect of the DCAU is that, along with their own investigations, detectives also assist other law enforcement agencies and drug task forces as needed. In 2005, the four detectives in DCAU assisted local drug task forces 46 times, county sheriff's offices four times, city police agencies three times, and federal agencies 6 times with narcotic related investigations. A total of 1,552 hours of investigative time was invested by DCAU in these investigations.

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